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## ImageWare Systems Awarded \$2.2 Million Contract to Expand Biometric Identity Management Services for the U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs

### Solution Enables Broader Adoption of Personal Identity Verification Credentialing Capabilities

SAN DIEGO, CA--(Marketwired - Aug 7, 2013) - ImageWare Systems, Inc. (OTCQB: [IWSY](#)) (ImageWare), a leader in cloud-based, multi-modal biometric identity management solutions, has been awarded a \$2.2 million contract by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) to expand its personal identity verification (PIV) credentialing capabilities.

Under the terms of the agreement, ImageWare will deliver software licenses during the third quarter of 2013, whereby the company will receive approximately \$1.5 million in revenue. Additionally, ImageWare will receive service revenue valued at approximately \$650,000 that will be recognized proportionally over the next year.

ImageWare's biometric identity management solution was first installed with the VA in 2007. The solution provides large-scale, agency-wide biometric identity and credential management capabilities, such as biometrically enabled PIV credentials that are in compliance with U.S. government standards. As part of the system expansion, the VA will also be adopting ImageWare's patented, hardware and algorithm independent Biometric Engine® 2.0, enabling the enrollment and management of unlimited population sizes.

"The U.S. Government has confirmed multi-modal biometric identity management as the *only* way to move forward as it offers a greater level of security and reliability," said Jim Miller, chairman and CEO of ImageWare. "ImageWare's proven track record of government experience executing best-of-breed patented, fully compliant biometric solutions will drive the standards for commercial adoption. We are honored to continue working with the VA and expand our services in support of their mission. As we look forward, I am confident we will introduce similar solutions to our global enterprise customers and solution provider partners."

The Biometric Engine 2.0, ImageWare's patented, backend database for CloudID™, delivers revolutionary capabilities:

- Enrollment, identity and verification management of unlimited population sizes
- Hardware and algorithm independent processing
- Compatibility with all biometric products
- Future-proof, plug-and-play flexibility

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- Product modules that can be implemented together or individually
- License and/or subscription service offering
- Software development kits

#### About ImageWare Systems, Inc.

ImageWare Systems, Inc. (OTCQB: [IWSY](#)) is a leading developer of cloud-based identity management and mobile solutions, providing biometric, secure credential and law enforcement technologies. Scalable for worldwide deployment, ImageWare's biometric product line includes a multi-biometric engine that is hardware and algorithm independent, enabling the enrollment and management of unlimited population sizes. ImageWare's identification products are used to manage and issue secure credentials, including national IDs, passports, driver's licenses, smart cards and access control credentials. ImageWare's digital booking products provide law enforcement with integrated mug shot, fingerprint livescan and investigative capabilities. ImageWare is headquartered in San Diego, CA, with offices in Portland, OR, Washington, D.C., and Ottawa, Ontario. For more information on ImageWare Systems, Inc., visit [www.iwsinc.com](http://www.iwsinc.com).

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